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SUBJ: ISVS: SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

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1. MOST OF COUNCIL SESSION TAKEN UP WITH U.S. PROPOSAL TO INITIATE PROCESS FOR MERGER ISVS WITH UNV. FRENCH PUT FORTH OWN PROPOSAL WITH LDC GROUP AND FRG OFFERING EXTENSIVE AMENDMENTS TO OURS, THE LATTER AIMED AT TIGHTENING LANGUAGE. SWISS PUT FORTH UNOFFICIAL PROPOSAL.

2. COUNCIL CONSTITUTED ITSELF INTO DRAFTING GROUP USING U.S. DRAFT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. AFTER SIX HOURS STRENUOUS DEBATE, FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AGREED UPON: INTRODUCTORY PARAS SAME AS OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WITH EXCEPTION SECOND PARAGRAPH WHERE WORK "COMPATIBLE" SUBSTITUTED FOR "SIMILAR" AND IN FOURTH PARAGRAPH WHERE WORDS "DYNAMIC AND INTEGRATED SYSTEM" SUBSTITUTED FOR "STRONG AND UNIFIED ORGANIZATION". OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS AS FOLLOWS: "DECIDES THAT A WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO

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EXAMINE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT AND BASED

ON THE DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE LATTER, THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ENLARGED COOPERATION BETWEEN ISVS AND UNV AND THE USEFULNESS AND MODALITIES OF A MERGER BETWEEN THESE TWO BODIES AND FURTHER THAT THE STUDIES BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ISVS COUNCIL TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ISVS COUNCIL;

INVITES MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP TO REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT SESSION (JANUARY, 1974) UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON THE SAME SUBJECT AND CONSIDER IT AT THE JUNE, 1974 SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL;

DECIDES THAT THE COUNCIL AFTER HAVING STUDIED BOTH REPORTS WILL TAKE A DECISION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR ITS APPROVAL; REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO COMMUNICATE THE TEXT OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ISVS ASSEMBLY.

3. FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND WERE MAJOR OPPONENTS, BOTH DESIROUS NOT TO PREJUDICE STUDIES BY AGREEING TO MERGER. AFTER COUNCIL HAD ADOPTED RESOLUTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS, THESE GOVERNMENTS PLUS ARGENTINA STATED RESERVATIONS TO EFFECT THAT THEY CONSIDERED ONLY "SOME GOVERNMENTS WISH THAT ISVS AND UNV MERGE" (LANGUAGE OF LAST INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH). BOTH FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND GAVE WAY LATE IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE SESSION SAYING THEY SO DOING IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.

4. REMAINDER COUNCIL SESSION LARGELY PRO FORMA. COUNCIL ACCEPTED 74/75 BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY SECRETARIAT AND RE-ELECTED SECGEN ZOLLNER TO TWO-YEAR TERM. COUNCIL CHARGED PRESIDENT OF THE SESSION (INDIAN AMBASSADOR MISHRA) TO INFORM ZOLLNER THAT A CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL THAT 1) HIS TERM WOULD EXPIRE EARLIER THAN TWO YEARS IF ISVS DISBANDED PRIOR EXPIRATION HIS TERM, 2) THAT HE APPOINT A SINGLE AD INTERIM DEPUTY TO SERVE IN HIS ABSENCE AND 3) THAT HE EXERCISE FINANCIAL RESTRAINT. COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED NOT TO ELECT A DEPUTY SECGEN.

5. COUNCIL CONCLUDED WORK BY APPOINTING OPEN-END WORKING GROUP TO STUDY MERGER ISSUE. ARGENTINE REP OLIVERI
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ELECTED PRESIDENT THIS GROUP.

6. WILL LUNCH WITH SECGEN ZOLLNER OCTOBER 11 AT WHICH TIME EXPECT GET HIS FRANK ASSESSMENT OUR INITIATIVE. UNDOUBTEDLY HE WILL RAISE QUESTION HIS OWN FUTURE. BASSIN

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